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TO AMEMBASSY NICOSIA NIACT IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY PRAGUE PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-2

TAGS: SREF,UNHCR,CY,CZ (RAVEL, BILEK)

SUBJECT: CZECH ASYLUM SEEKER

REF: NICOSIA 2650

1. PRELIMINARY NAMECHECKS HAVE BEEN INITIATED BY DEPT.

WE WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED.

2. REFTEL BEING REPEATED TO U.S. MISSION GENEVA.

3. AS A SIGNATORY TO THE CONVENTION AND PROTOCOL RELATING TO THE STATUS OF REFUGEES, CYPRUS HAS CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL TREATY OBLIGATIONS CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF REFUGEES INCLUDING THE PROHIBITION AGAINST THE EXPULSION OF A REFUGEE TO A COUNTRY WHERE HIS LIFE OR FREEDOM IS THREATENED DUE TO PERSECUTION BASED ON RACE, RELIGION, NATIONALITY, MEMBERSHIP OF A PARTICULAR SOCIAL GROUP, OR POLITICAL OPINION.

4. IF EMB BELIEVES INADEQUATE GOC MACHINERY EXISTS TO

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INSURE SATISFACTORY PROTECTION OF SUBJECT'S SAFETY AND

RIGHTS, DEPT. RECOMMENDS THAT RAVEL BE PLACED IN UNHCR  
REFUGEE CHANNELS. UNHCR CAN INTERVENE WITH GOC ON

RAVEL'S BEHALF AND SEEK GUARANTEES AGAINST FORCIBLE  
REPATRIATION TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA. LOCAL UNHCR REP  
SHOULD BE ADVISED OF CASE AND UNLESS EMB PERCEIVES THAT  
SUBJECT IS, IN FACT, IN IMMINENT DANGER, RAVEL SHOULD  
BE TURNED OVER TO UNHCR REP ASAP AND SHOULD NOT REMAIN  
IN EMBASSY LONGER THAN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

5. AS A CZECH NATIONAL, (IF RESULTS OF NAMECHECK ARE  
NEGATIVE) RAVEL APPEARS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR  
CONDITIONAL ENTRY INTO U.S. UNDER SECTION 203(A)(7)  
OF THE INA. HE WOULD, HOWEVER, HAVE TO PROCEED TO A  
POST IN WESTERN EUROPE WHERE INS PROCESSES CONDITIONAL  
ENTRY APPLICATIONS, SUCH AS ROME, ATHENS, VIENNA,  
FRANKFURT, PARIS, AND BRUSSELS. IT SHOULD BE KEPT  
IN MIND THAT ANY ONWARD REFERRAL DOES NOT GUARANTEE  
THAT APPLICATION WILL BE APPROVED.

6. UNHCR CAN BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN ARRANGING THIRD  
COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT, WHICH INCLUDES POSSIBILITY OF  
CONDITIONAL ENTRY APPLICATION. UNHCR CAN ALSO BE  
HELPFUL IN MAKING NECESSARY TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR  
SUCH RESETTLEMENT AND IF NECESSARY IN OBTAINING  
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC)  
TRAVEL DOCUMENTS.

7. PLS KEEP DEPT. INFORMED OF STATUS OF CASE. ROBINSON

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